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SUBJ: REQUEST TO MRS. CARTER FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

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1. SUBJECT CABLE REFERRED TO VA REGIONAL OFFICE MANILA FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. VA REPRESENTATIVE VISITED JONATHAN PILPA BANEZ IN CEBU CITY AND TALKED WITH HIS PARENTS. BOY'S FATHER, GABRIEL BANEZ, FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY VA. BOY UNDERWENT TWO CRANIOTOMY OPERATIONS AND HAS NBO REGAINED CONCIOUSNESS. ON 1-23-77 HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO HIS HOME WHERE HE REMAINS COMPLETELY BEDRIDDEN. HE IS BEING TUBE FED AND STILL HAS A TRACHESTOMY TUBE FOR BREATHING.

2. NEUROSURGEON IN CHARGE OF HIS CASE, CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST IN THE PHILIPPINES, PRESENTLY IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND WHERE HE WAS CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE. INFORMED VA THAT FURTHER NEUROSURGERY WOULD NOT BE OF HELP TO THE PATIENT AND THAT EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE FOR HIM AND HIS CONDITION IS STABLE. HE ADDED THAT LIMB PHYSICAL THERAPY MIGHT GIVE HIM SOME IMPROVEMENT ALTHOUGH AGAIN THIS IS DOUBTFUL. BOY'S MEDICAL RECORDS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY VMMC STAFF AND THEY CONCUR WITH ATTENDING NEUROSURGEON'S EVALUATION.

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3. BOY NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TREATMENT AT VMMC ON BASIS OF GRANDFATHER'S STATUS AS VETERAN. BECAUSE OF MRS. MARCOS' INTEREST COULD POSSIBLY BE ADMITTED AS INDIGENT PATIENT AT EITHER VMMC OR NATIONAL ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL. HOWEVER, TRAVEL AT THIS TIME IS NOT RECOMMENDED. VA WILL FOLLOW UP.

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